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The Great States of South America. A Concise Account of their Condition and Resources, with the Laws relating to Government Concessions. By Charles W. Domville-Fife, Author of "Submarines of the World's Navies," "The United States of Brazil," etc. xv and 235 pp., index, 72 illustrations, 8 maps. G. Bell and Sons, Ltd., London; The Macmillan Company, New York, 1910. \$4.50.

The author says that British capital invested in South America amounts approximately to the sum of £500,000,000, not including the private investments of individuals. When we consider British investments in the central portions of Latin America as well, \$1,000,000,000 must be added, since he asserts that it is the £700,000,000 from England and her dominions beyond the seas which have financed the countries of South and Central America; and there is exultation in his words: "So strong has England's position in South America become that these countries now look to her whenever they require financial help or counsel; and when they receive it, as has hitherto nearly always been the case, they are willing to give much in return. . . Their warships, railways, waterworks, tramways, and all other public services are the highly satisfactory results of capital supplied from the vast store of the United Kingdom."

The South American countries described are Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Paraguay, and Uruguay; and the author has included the Central American state of Guatemala in the list. The work, published under the authority of the Consuls-General of the countries just enumerated, has been revised by diplomatic and consular representatives in Great Britain. Furthermore the author has too readily accepted as authoritative and reliable the official statistics and other advertising matter furnished by the governments of the countries treated. It is scarcely necessary to add that extremely favorable views of many doubtful subjects are concisely presented. The design certainly was not to render less attractive to capitalists and immigrants of the better class such accounts as are given of the laws, regulations and conditions relating to government concessions. These eight Latin American republics are represented as being blest with stable governments, and armies, navies, and police forces that can be relied upon in the event of either internal or external troubles or emergencies. The vast field is not only full of promise but already is most important, according to Mr. Domville-Fife.

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AFRICA

With Mulai Hafid at Fez. Behind the Scenes in Morocco. By Lawrence Harris, F.R.G.S. xvi and 270 pp., and illustrations. Richard G. Badger, The Gorham Press, Boston, 1910.

This book is an account of the interview of an English newspaper reporter with the Sultan of Morocco at Fez. The story covers a journey from Tangier to Fez, various audiences with Mulai Hafid, the extreme dangers of travel and life in the country, the excessive cruelty of punishments and glimpses, now and again, into the degraded lives and weak character of the people. The narrative teems with rehearsals of cruelty and squalor. The testimony of the book bears out the charges of brutality, corruption, tyranny and chicanery which are so freely made against this government and people. With such a distressing picture one may rejoice that most of Africa has been improved under the influence of the strife for land of European powers.

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